

CCSESA FOCUS

A Weekly Update to County Superintendents of Schools

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At Last—Good News on the Federal Budget

With bipartisan votes of 72-26 in the U.S. Senate and 359-67 in the House of Representatives, Congress approved an Omnibus Appropriations bill that restores significant portions of the sequestration cuts that had been imposed on important education programs like Title I and IDEA. Title I funding nationally remains \$103 million below the Fiscal Year 2013 enacted level, but \$625 million above the sequestration level. Special education funding (IDEA) is \$82 million below the 2013 enacted level, but \$498 million above the sequester amount.

Funding for Head Start was actually increased above the 2013 enacted level, and provides funding for new competitive grants for preschool programs for 4 year olds, and funding to expand “Early Head Start” for children and families from before birth through age 3.

CCSESA’s representative in Washington D.C., Bob Canavan, will be attending the January General Membership meeting and will provide additional information on these important actions.

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